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### IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification, as follows:

On page 2, please amend the last paragraph beginning on lines 32-34 and continuing on to page 3, lines 1-2, as follows:

--An embodiment of the residential communication system according to the invention is characterized in that the communication network comprises a phoneline network. Phoneline networks, such as used in the ~~HomePNA~~ HomePNA™ communication system, offer the advantage that in most cases no or only a few new wires are needed as in most buildings already a substantial phone wire infrastructure is present.--

On page 3, please amend lines 15-28 as follows:

--Figure 1 shows a block diagram of an embodiment of a residential communication system 2 according to the invention. The communication system 2 comprises a telephone gateway 4, a further telephone gateway 8 and one or more stations 6. The telephone gateway 4, the further telephone gateway 8 and the stations 6 are interconnected via a communication network 10. Alternatively, the telephone gateway 4 may be comprised in one of the stations 6. Similarly, the further telephone gateway 8 may be comprised in one of the other stations 6. The telephone gateway 4 is coupled via a connection 5 to a public telephone network

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12 and the further telephone gateway 8 is coupled to a further public telephone network 14. The communication network 10 may be a phoneline network, i.e. a network that is based upon ordinary phone lines/wires. The communication system 2 may be a HomePNA HomePNA™ communication system. The public telephone network 12 may be a POTS or PSTN network. The further telephone network 14 may be a CATV network, which offers telephone services. In the latter case the further telephone gateway 8 may be comprised in a set-top box.--

On page 4, please amend the second full paragraph at lines 4-23 as follows:

-- Figure 2 shows a block diagram of an embodiment of the telephone gateway 4 according to the invention. The telephone gateway 4 comprises a switch 22, a communication network interface 28, a decoder 26 and a controller 24. The decoder 24 detects and interprets various direct telephone commands, such as off-hook, on-hook and pulse dialing codes, received from the communication network 10 and sends them to the controller 24. The controller 24, which may be a microprocessor running a dedicated software program, controls the switch 22 and the communication network interface 28. If an out-going telephone signal is received from the communication network 10 it is first decoded in the decoder 26. On basis of the telephone number comprised in the telephone signal the controller 24 may decide whether this out-going telephone signal should be supplied to the public telephone network 12 or to the further public telephone network 14. For

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instance, if it is a local telephone number the out-going telephone signal may be supplied via the controller 24 and the switch 22 to the public telephone network 12. Alternatively, in case of a non-local telephone number, the outgoing telephone signal may be supplied via the controller 24 and the switch 22 to the communication network interface 28 (e.g. a ~~Home-PNA~~ HomePNA™ interface comprising bi-directional bus drivers). This communication network interface 28 then converts and transmits the outgoing telephone signal via the communication network 10 to the further telephone gateway 8, which supplies the outgoing telephone signal to the further telephone network 14.--